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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 0748

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SUBJECT CHADIAN/LIBYAN NEGOTIATIONS

REF: NDJAMENA 0732 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT MALLOUM AND QADHAFI  
ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET IN SEBHA ON FEB. 23. HOPEFULLY,  
THIS MEETING WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR SOME SORT OF  
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF CHAD'S PROBLEMS. HOWEVER,  
BASED ON PAST NEGOTIATING EFFORTS WITH LIBYANS,  
SUCH NEGOTIATIONS ARE OFTEN MERELY THE PRELUDE TO  
RENEWED HOSTILITIES. IN VIEW OF THIS AND THE DAMAGED  
STATE OF THE CHADIAN ARMY AT THE MOMENT, THE EMBASSY  
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HAS WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING PLAN FOR EVACUATION OF  
AMERICANS FROM CHAD IF NECESSARY. WISH TO STRESS  
THIS ONLY PLANNING; WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF INITIATING  
EVACUATION AT THIS TIME.

1. POTENTIAL EVACUEES ARE GROUPED INTO THREE  
AREAS: (A) A FEW IN BOL AND MASAKORY NORTH OF

NDJAMENA; (B) HEAVY CONCENTRATION AROUND NDJAMENA;  
AND (C) SVUQTERING THROUGH SOUTHWESTERN PART OF CHAD.

2. EVACUATION WOULD BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS:

AFTER POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION BY RADIO (MISSIONARY  
NET OR GENDARME NET) MOVEMENT WOULD BE CARRIED  
OUT: (A) BY CHARTERED SMALL PLANE FROM BOL TO  
NDJAMENA, AND BY ROAD FROM KASSAKORY TO NDJAMENA;  
(B) BY PLANE FROM NDJAMENA TOAMEROON IF POSSIBLE (SEE  
NEXT PARA) OTHERWISE ACROSS THE RIVER INTO NORTHERN CAMEROON  
(THIS IS QUICKEST WAY TO SAFETY, AND THE RIVER IS SO  
LOW WE COULD TALK IT IF WE HAD TO, HOWEVER, LOGISTIC  
PROBLEM ONCE ACROSS RIVER WOULD BE SEVERE); AND  
(C) BY TWO VEHICLE CONVOYS UNDER DIRECTION OF EMBASSY  
OFFICERS WHICH WOULD BE DISPATCHED FROM NDJAMENA  
TO CLEAR SOUTHWEST (FIRST WOULD TRAVEL FROM NDJAMENA, TO  
BOUSSO, SAHR, KYABE, KOUMRA, MOISSALA, DOBA,  
MOUNDOU, BAIBOKOUM ENDING IN MAROUA OR GAROUA. SECOND  
WOULD TRAVEL FROM NDJAMENA TO BONGOR, LAI, KELO,  
FIANGA, PALA, LERE, ALSO ENDING IN MAROUA OR GAROUA).  
EVACUEES FROM VEHICLE COLUMNS WOULD PROCEED FROM  
MAROUTA OR GAROUA BY AIR.

3. FOR AIR EVACUATION OF NDJAMENA, AND POSSIBLY  
MAROUA OR GAROUA, A PLANE CHARTERED OUTSIDE THE U.S. OR A  
U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT WOULD BE NEEDED. (PLANNING FIGURES IN  
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REFTEL SHOULD BEVRONCREASED BY ABOUT 50 TO INCLUDE COMMON-  
WEALTH CITIZENS WHO WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO GO.) DEPART-  
MENT'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING SUCH TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD  
BE APPRECIATED.

4. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALERTING AND PREPARING  
POTENTIAL EVACUEES ARE BEING MADE BY THE EVBASSY.  
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